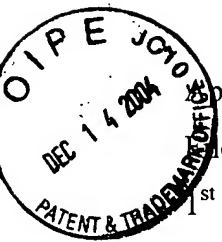


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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed July 15, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendment and remarks set forth below. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time and authorization to pay the 37 CFR Sec. 1.17(a)(2) fee of \$450.00 accompany this response.

AMENDMENT